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SUBJECT: FIRE BOMB IN ADANA ATM, REMOTE MINES IN SE TURKEY

ADANA ATM BOMBING

11. (SBU) According to the TNP, there was an explosion at the ATM machine for the Pamuk Bank located in north Adana in the vicinity of Turgut Ozal Boulevard, 100 meters from post's three officer residences, on April 21. An unidentified person used a plastic water bottle to contain an explosive material, probably fuel, to create an improvised explosive device (IED). A lit cigarette was left in the IED to ignite the flammable material and it was then left in the ATM booth. A journalist went into the ATM booth to use it, noticed the device and ran out. It exploded shortly thereafter, destroying the ATM booth. There were no reported injuries. No one has claimed responsibility for the bombing. Police hypothesize, based on proximity to a May 1 date linked to an indigenous Turkish Marxist-Leninist terrorist group, that this group could be responsible.

SE TURKEY REMOTELY DETONATED EXPLOSIVES

12. (SBU) AMEMBASSY ANKARA/AMCON ADANA reporting officers heard reports during the week of April 19 of command-detonated mine or IED (reports varied) attacks in southeast Turkey in late March/early April similar to those in the March 8 Gercus, Mardin province attack.. We heard from a credible Mardin province contact of a remotely detonated IED/mine attack on Jandarma vehicle patrols near Seyhahmet kalesi in south Mardin about 3 weeks ago. Similarly, a different credible contact reported hearing of a similar attack in Siirt province, near Eruh township, in the last 2-3 weeks. When traveling last week in south Batman province, near Gercus, officers observed Jandarma patrolling using heavy 6-wheeled APC's with all personnel but the driver sitting on top of the APC in improvised sandbagged positions with machine guns ready. This deployment suggested that the Jandarma continue to take such a mine-like attack threat seriously.

13. (SBU) There have been uncorroborated reports of several similar, yet apparently smaller yielding, IED or mine attacks in rural areas of eastern Hatay province, but AMCONSUL ADANA cannot corroborate these reports at this time.

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